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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an indigenously built multi target surface to air missile 'Akash' was test fired twice on July 5 and July 8, 2000;

(b) if so, the extent of success achieved therefrom indicating its special features; and

(c) the reasons for repeated testing thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): These tests were a part of the number of flight trials, which need to be conducted during development, for proving various sub-systems. Valuable data has been obtained from these tests for use in development of the system.